

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 018 and YEA on Roll Call No. 019.

HONORING DANA MARSHALL-  
BERNSTEIN

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today not only to mourn the loss of a family friend and lifelong Las Vegas resident but to let Congress know what an amazing woman she was.

Dana Marshall-Bernstein died in December at the age of 28, following a lifelong battle with Crohn's Disease. She spent most of her life in and out of the hospital but, even while undergoing countless surgeries, she never let her disease define who she was.

Dana never stopped feeling optimistic about her future. She believed in looking forward. She believed in kindness. And she used her experience to comfort others who were also affected by Crohn's Disease.

Even though she was suffering, Dana never stopped showing empathy. She insisted that medical patients were treated as humans first and medical cases last. She was radiant in her love for others.

Dana believed in these words: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Dana was outspoken and strong-willed. She was firm in her beliefs and did everything she could to stand up for the voiceless. She was fiercely committed to patient advocacy and ensuring that anyone in her situation was heard and cared for.

She served as a beacon of hope to her parents, Ed and Cari, and to her entire extended family. My heart aches for them, but I know that in their fondest memories of Dana lies a strong sense of pride. She shined in more ways than one. She was a light even in the darkest of times, and I know she will continue to shine in the memory of each and every life she touched. May her memory be a blessing for those who loved her.

In her time on this Earth, Dana accomplished what we all should strive for; she touched others and made differences. And though she is gone now, her influence will remain forever in our hearts and minds.

In between the politics and the debates, Congress possesses a very real capability to do good. We can fund grants for research towards cures for the most deadly diseases out there.

We can help people if only we decide to.

I encourage all members here today to carry with them the courage and determination that Dana brought into this world; to always think and live life with positivity; and to never, ever stop believing in doing good by others.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING  
THE LIFE OF PIPER, THE CHERRY  
CAPITAL AIRPORT K-9

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the life and service of

the beloved K-9 of the Cherry Capital Airport, Piper. On January 3rd, Piper passed away in the arms of his handler and friend, Brian Edwards, after a yearlong battle against prostate cancer. His impact on the people of Michigan's First District will not soon be forgotten.

Piper joined the team at the Cherry Capital Airport in 2015. Working with Edwards, the airport's director of operations, Piper worked to keep wildlife clear from the runways and facilities, becoming an instant local celebrity. Through social media and news outlets, he became famous nationwide. His goggles, vest, and boots became icons of the K-9's valuable role at the airport and important place in the community. Whether it was chasing down snow owls or posing with the Blue Angels, Piper was not only critical to ensuring the safety of the operations at the Cherry Capitol Airport, but also brought joy to any who had the opportunity to watch him in action.

In 2016, Piper was named the Grand Marshal of the Cherry Royale Parade, the first time an animal has received this honor. He was also featured in Midwest Living Magazine when Traverse City was named the Best Midwest Town later the same year. Following Piper's passing, U.S. Coast Guard personnel lowered the flag flying over the Traverse City base and presented it to Edwards in honor of the K-9. A public memorial service for Piper will be held on January 20th at the City Opera House in Traverse City.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of the beloved airport K-9. Piper's service to the Cherry Capital Airport and his impact on the people of Michigan cannot be overstated. His friends and community can take pride in knowing that Northern Michigan is a better place thanks to his life's work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent January 16, 2018 due to unforeseen circumstances. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 18—H.R. 4318—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA, and Roll no. 19—S. 117—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA.

CONGRATULATING JOEL WEISMAN  
OF WTTW-CHICAGO UPON HIS RE-  
TIREMENT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the longtime host of Chicago Public Media's "The Week in Review" for 40 years of helping to keep the Windy City well informed. Joel Weisman conceived the longest-running series in the history of WTTW over coffee at the Palmer House with colleague John Callaway and William J. McCarter, the then-president and CEO of WTTW. The Emmy

Award-winning program has welcomed a rotating four-person panel from print, broadcast and digital news media to discuss politics and other news relevant to Chicago each Friday since. Mr. Weisman's last stint as host will be on Friday, January 19, for an hour-long special with special guests and highlights from the past four decades. Mr. Weisman, a lawyer and lifelong Chicagoan, began his journalism career at the City News Bureau after graduating from the University of Illinois. He has also worked for The Gary Post-Tribune; The Chicago American; as a reporter, columnist and metropolitan editor for The Chicago Sun-Times; and as Midwest correspondent for The Washington Post. He is also the father of my legislative director, Matt Weisman. I want to wish him all the best as he retires from "The Week in Review."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 17, 2018 for being off the floor momentarily. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Yes on Roll Call No. 021.

CONGRATULATING DAVID ST.  
PIERRE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David St. Pierre, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), on his election as the President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

Under Mr. St. Pierre, MWRD and its nearly 2,000 staff members work to effectively protect the health and safety of the public in the Greater Chicagoland area, protect homes and businesses from flooding, protect the quality of its Lake Michigan water supply and improve water quality in regional waterways across MWRD's nearly 900 square mile service area.

In 2011, Mr. St. Pierre was unanimously selected by the Board of Commissioners as Executive Director. He brought to the District more than 25 years of experience working in the water industry in several cities and a record that included significant reductions in operating costs and improvements in utility performance and customer satisfaction. Mr. St. Pierre earned his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Illinois University and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

MWRD owns and operates seven water reclamation plants, including one of the world's largest. Its Tunnel and Reservoir Project (TARP) is one of the country's largest public works projects for pollution and flood control. MWRD treats an average of 1.4 billion gallons of wastewater each day and has over 2.0 billion gallons per day total capacity. Its role in preserving the health, environmental quality